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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

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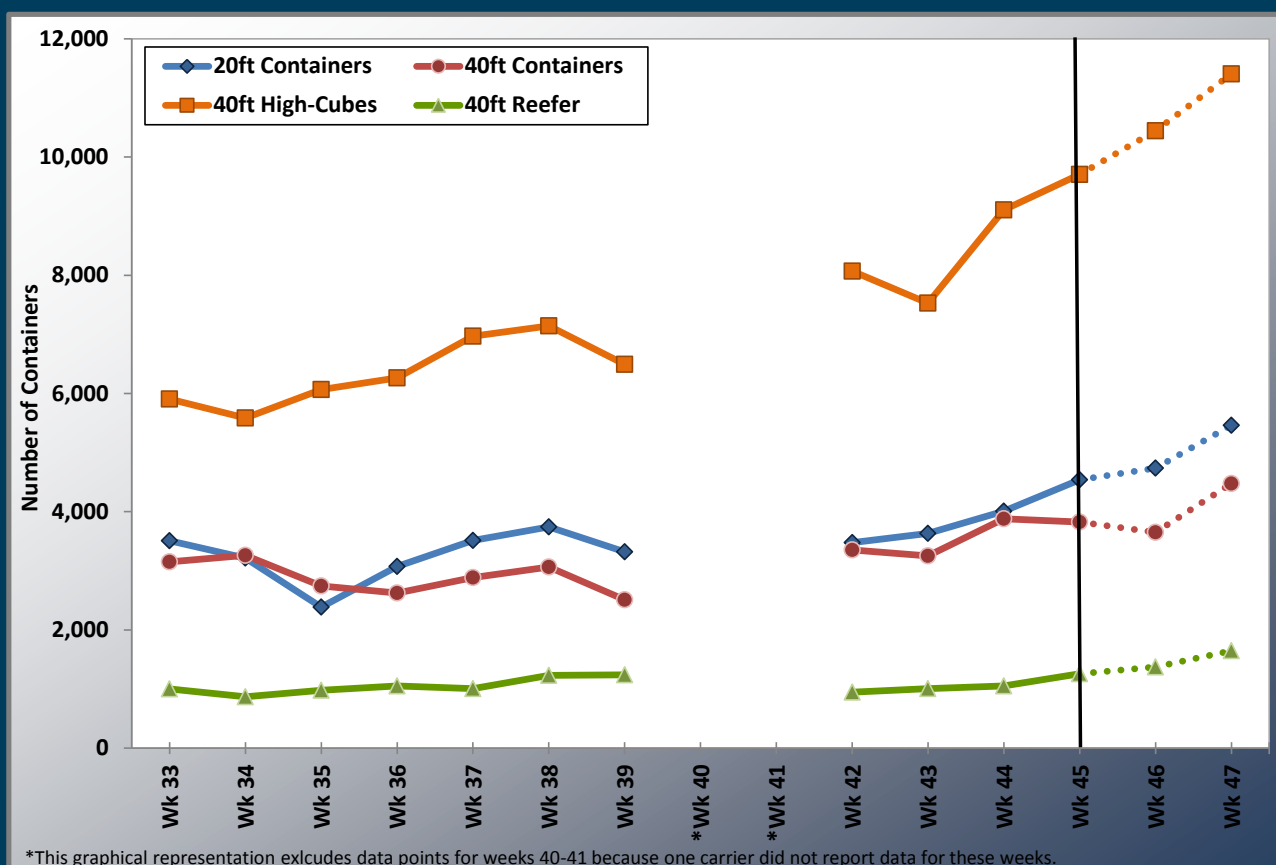
Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

Historical Analysis of New York

The Port of New York ranks 19th in the nation for overall waterborne agricultural exports but 8th for containerized waterborne agricultural exports. New York is the busiest container port on the U.S. East Coast; 97 percent of total agricultural trade through the port in 2013 was moved in containers. See Profiles of Top U.S. Agricultural Ports for more detail on agricultural trade through New York and other top U.S. ports. Between July and September of 2013, New York moved 312,000 metric tons of containerized agricultural products, 34 percent of which were grains and soybeans, followed by grocery items at 20 percent, and dairy products at 7 percent. Agricultural exporters used 40ft containers to move more than 54 percent of these exports. Agricultural exporters used Mediterranean Shipping Company to move 27 percent of these products, followed by CMA-CGM at 12 percent and Maersk Line at 11 percent.¹

The Port of New York has been working on a solution to manage chassis on its terminals. Since most ocean carriers no longer offer chassis service, the ports are faced with a combination of leasing companies, a few ocean container carriers, and some truckers managing individual chassis pools. The port is working toward a “grey” chassis pool model which they hope to present by the end of the year. The Journal of Commerce recently reported, “This chaotic arrangement has contributed to chassis shortages at terminals, equipment imbalances among chassis yards, and unnecessary trips by truckers to switch chassis between pickups and deliveries for different terminals.” It also leads to congestion on the terminals due to delays in picking up or delivering containers which could make accessing available containers for exporters more difficult. Container availability estimates reached a record this week with more than 19,300 units at the terminals. Strong peak season shipments are probably feeding container pools at the port. In fact, in the last 2 weeks, estimates for each of the dry container types, as well as 40ft refrigerated containers, have reached a record high. Over the next 2 weeks, availability for each of the reported containers types is expected to increase.

Weekly Container Availability Estimates in New York, 3rd week of August (Wk 33) through 2nd week of November (Wk 45), with Projections



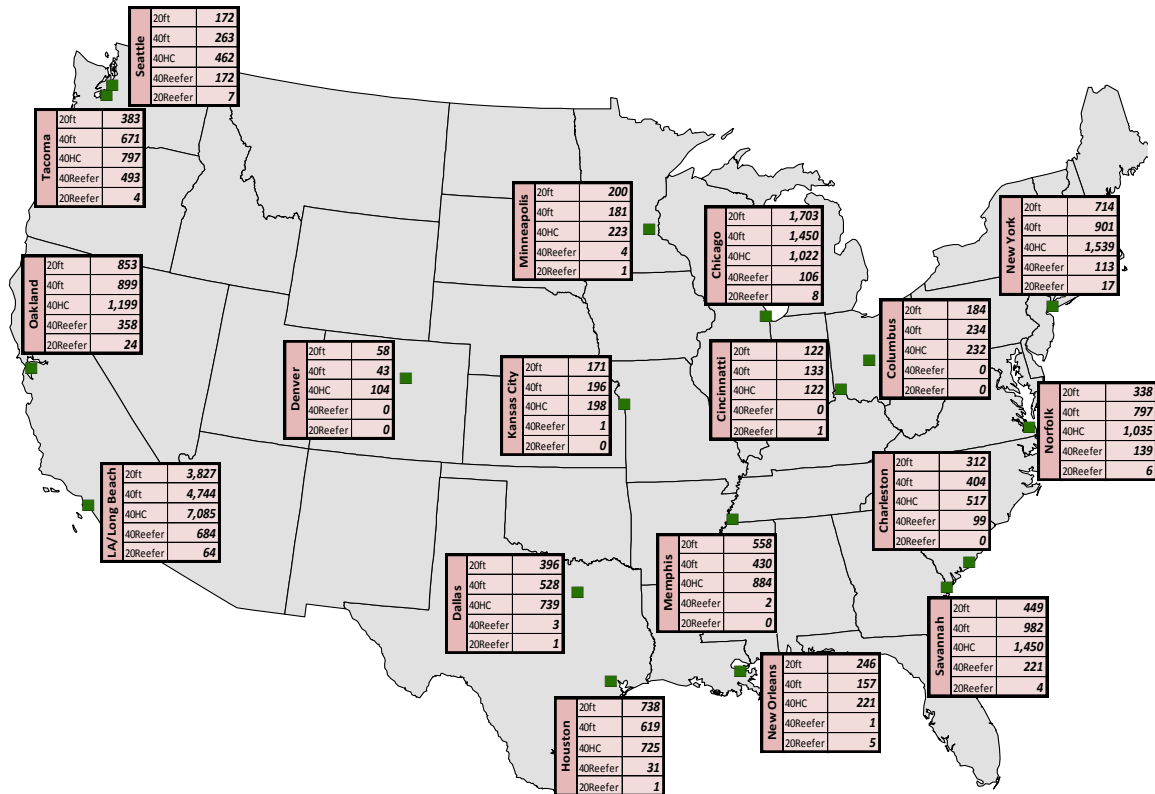
¹ Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data.

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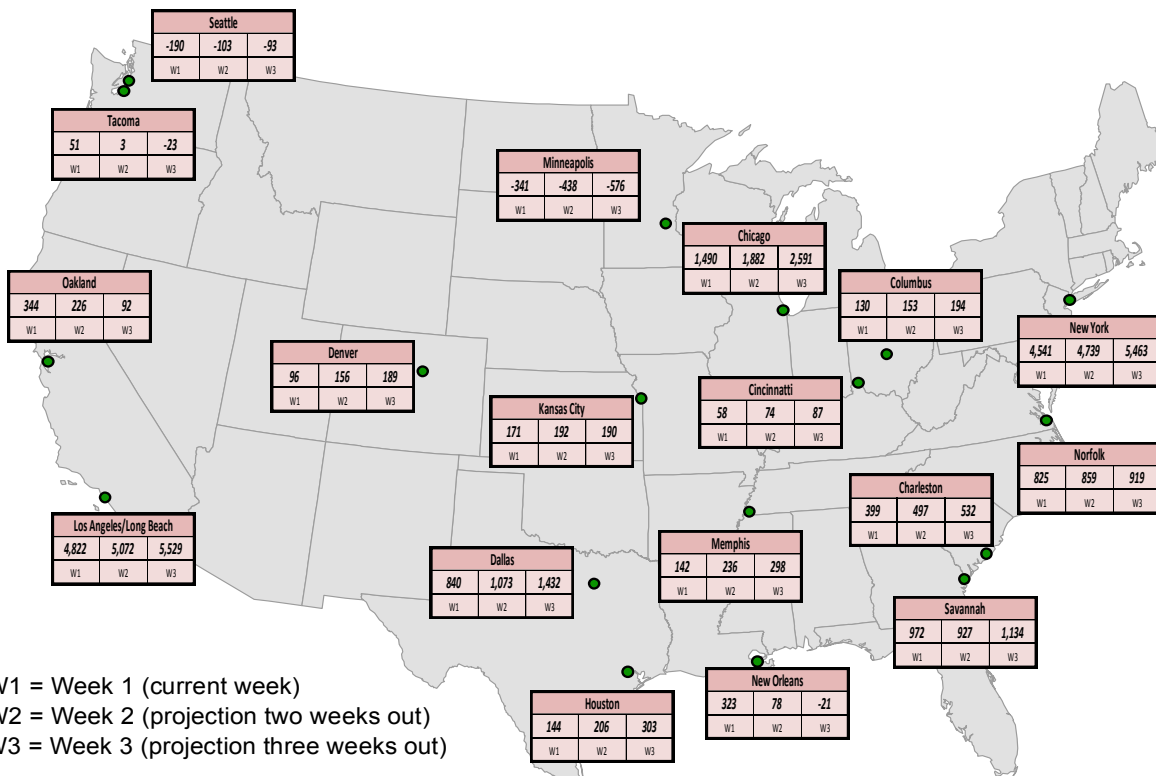
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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



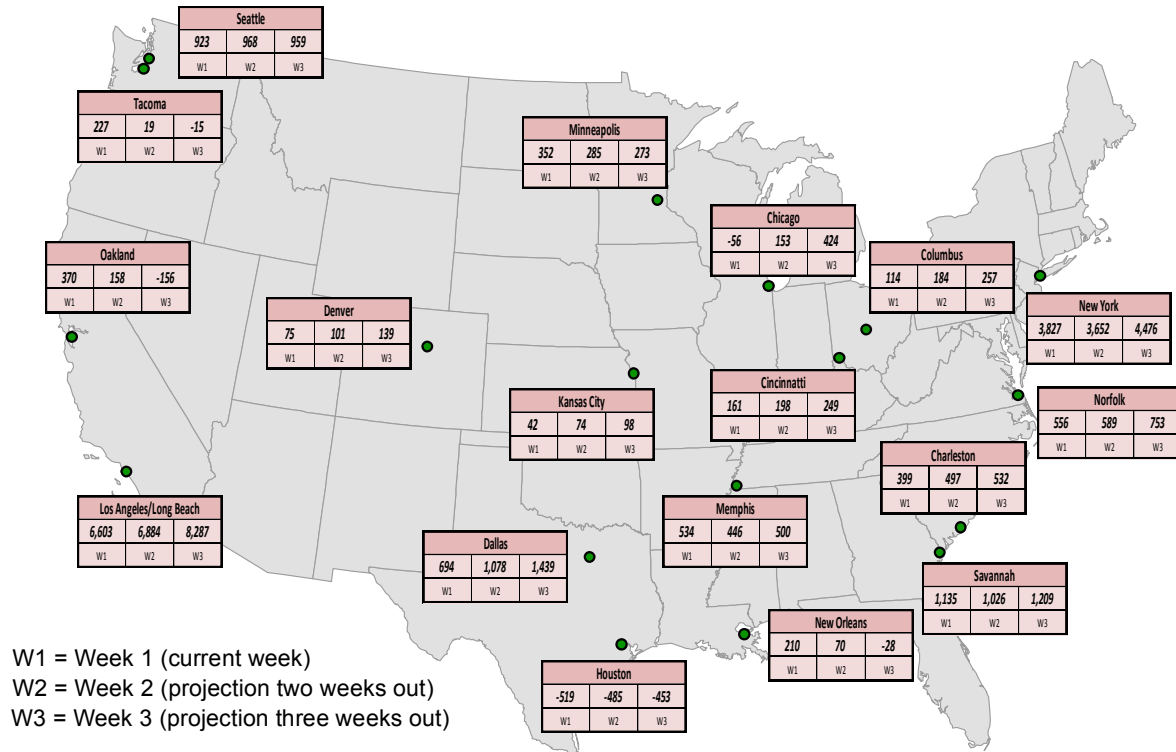
Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



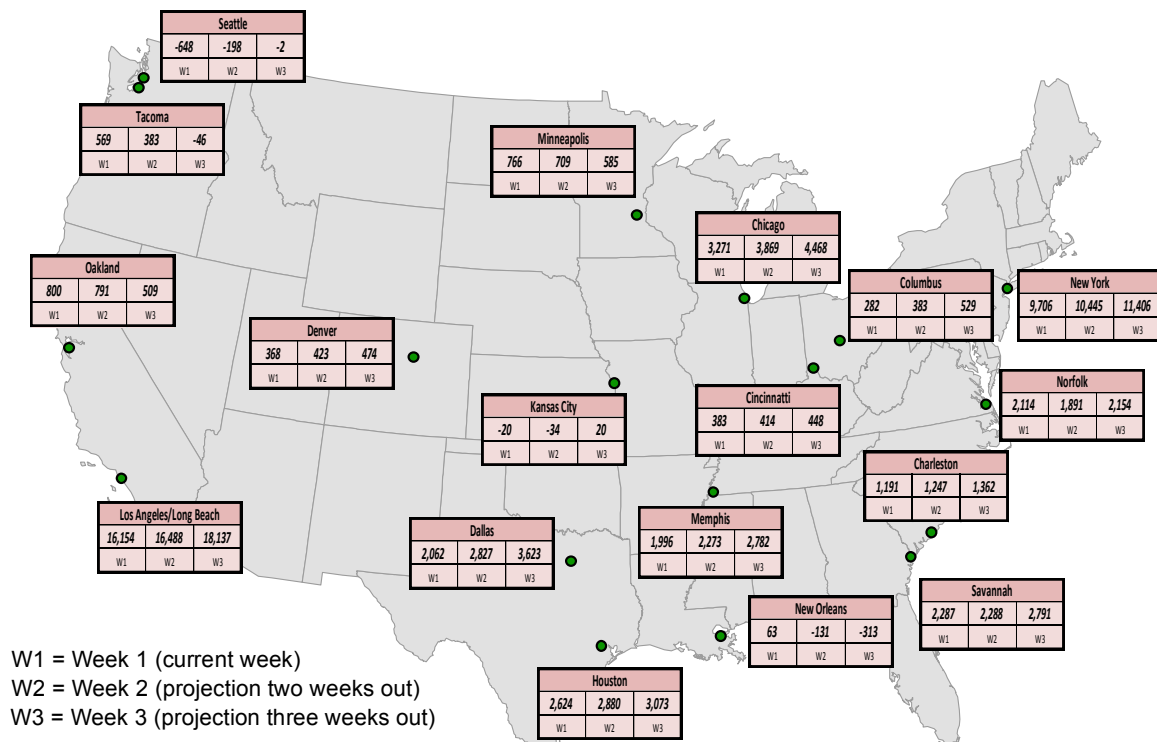
W1 = Week 1 (current week)
W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)
W3 = Week 3 (projection three weeks out)



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers

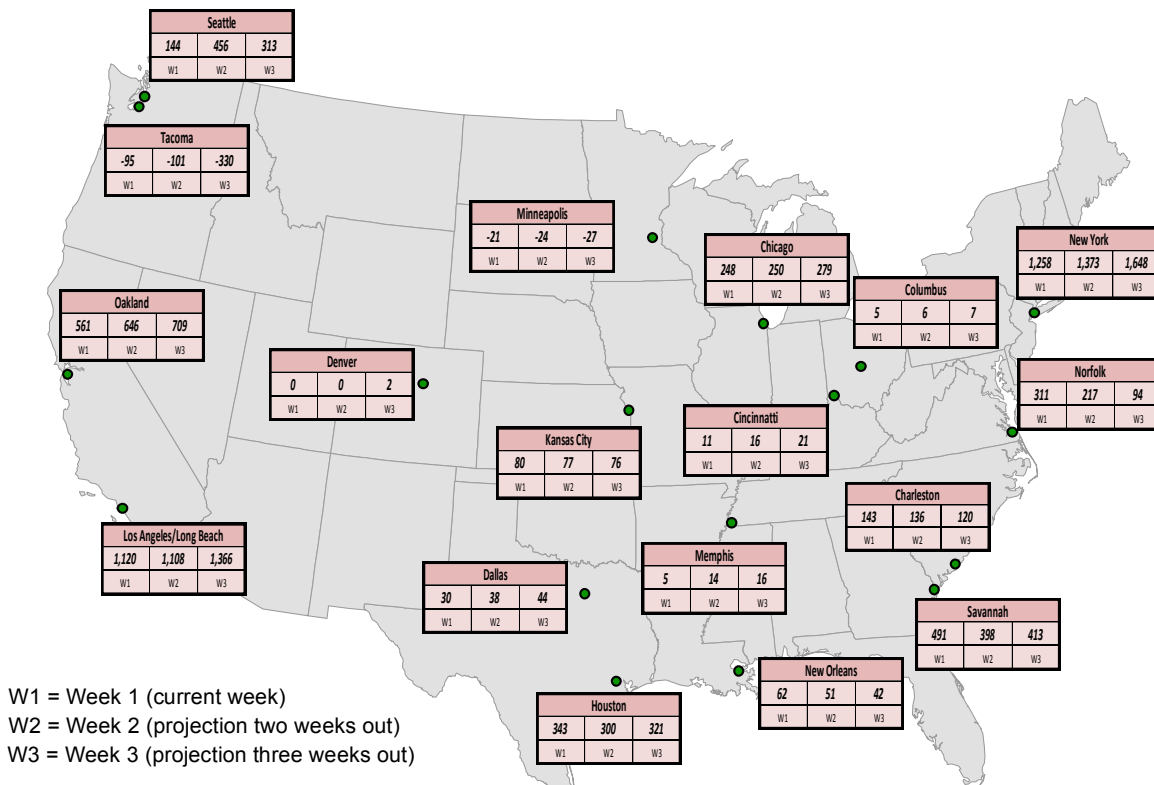


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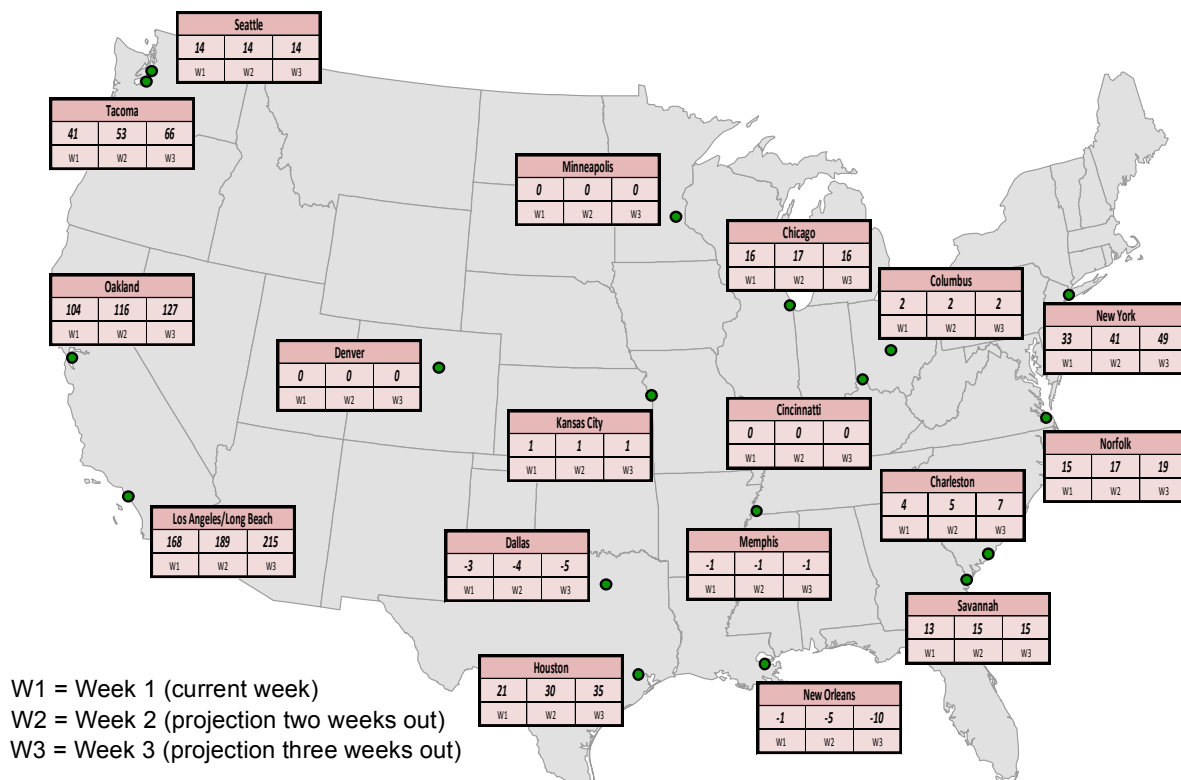
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Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	91	74	61	59	59	55	.	.	.	.	399
Week 2: Nov 12-18	91	109	99	60	83	55	.	.	.	.	497
Week 3: Nov 19-25	91	147	126	50	81	37	.	.	.	.	532
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	158	131	90	83	52	52	.	.	.	.	566
Week 2: Nov 12-18	129	164	90	108	40	70	.	.	.	.	601
Week 3: Nov 19-25	78	195	90	133	40	60	.	.	.	.	596
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	390	242	167	159	139	94	.	.	.	.	1,191
Week 2: Nov 12-18	390	237	191	156	213	60	.	.	.	.	1,247
Week 3: Nov 19-25	390	194	269	140	289	80	.	.	.	.	1,362
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	107	60	21	10	5	-60	.	.	.	.	143
Week 2: Nov 12-18	95	74	20	10	5	-68	.	.	.	.	136
Week 3: Nov 19-25	88	88	20	6	5	-87	.	.	.	.	120
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 2: Nov 12-18	4	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 3: Nov 19-25	5	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	1,678	161	-5	-57	-126	-161	.	.	.	.	1,490
Week 2: Nov 12-18	2,077	93	-17	0	-110	-161	.	.	.	.	1,882
Week 3: Nov 19-25	2,476	150	-10	0	136	-161	.	.	.	.	2,591
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	257	208	58	-115	-140	-324	.	.	.	.	-56
Week 2: Nov 12-18	344	447	25	0	-339	-324	.	.	.	.	153
Week 3: Nov 19-25	442	640	40	0	-374	-324	.	.	.	.	424
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	1,380	965	661	315	75	-125	.	.	.	.	3,271
Week 2: Nov 12-18	1,380	1,163	917	365	44	0	.	.	.	.	3,869
Week 3: Nov 19-25	1,380	1,364	1,017	657	50	0	.	.	.	.	4,468
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	176	40	32	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	248
Week 2: Nov 12-18	202	38	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	250
Week 3: Nov 19-25	230	39	10	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	279
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	11	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 2: Nov 12-18	14	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	17
Week 3: Nov 19-25	15	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

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Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	27	22	10	8	1	-10	58
Week 2: Nov 12-18	27	24	5	14	3	1	.	.	.	.	74
Week 3: Nov 19-25	27	21	6	14	6	13	.	.	.	.	87
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	78	43	21	19	2	-2	.	.	.	.	161
Week 2: Nov 12-18	78	67	25	30	0	-2	.	.	.	.	198
Week 3: Nov 19-25	78	73	28	56	18	-4	.	.	.	.	249
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	308	36	32	5	4	-2	.	.	.	.	383
Week 2: Nov 12-18	308	44	58	-1	5	0	.	.	.	.	414
Week 3: Nov 19-25	308	49	73	0	7	11	.	.	.	.	448
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	11	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Nov 12-18	16	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Nov 19-25	21	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 12-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 19-25	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	78	43	18	4	-6	-7	130
Week 2: Nov 12-18	93	26	24	18	-1	-7	.	.	.	.	153
Week 3: Nov 19-25	110	26	48	18	-1	-7	.	.	.	.	194
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	97	50	18	-4	-13	-34	.	.	.	.	114
Week 2: Nov 12-18	114	79	28	-3	0	-34	.	.	.	.	184
Week 3: Nov 19-25	131	100	65	-5	0	-34	.	.	.	.	257
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	180	47	43	18	3	-9	.	.	.	.	282
Week 2: Nov 12-18	180	69	100	25	13	-4	.	.	.	.	383
Week 3: Nov 19-25	180	88	181	25	61	-6	.	.	.	.	529
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	5	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Nov 12-18	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6
Week 3: Nov 19-25	7	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Nov 12-18	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 3: Nov 19-25	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	371	193	97	92	81	6	840
Week 2: Nov 12-18	556	141	161	124	81	10	.	.	.	.	1,073
Week 3: Nov 19-25	751	150	226	214	81	10	.	.	.	.	1,432
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	303	246	109	65	15	-44	.	.	.	.	694
Week 2: Nov 12-18	300	459	155	158	50	-44	.	.	.	.	1,078
Week 3: Nov 19-25	280	665	227	261	50	-44	.	.	.	.	1,439
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	560	431	394	341	308	28	.	.	.	.	2,062
Week 2: Nov 12-18	532	721	394	581	549	50	.	.	.	.	2,827
Week 3: Nov 19-25	545	1,025	394	838	771	50	.	.	.	.	3,623
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	20	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	30
Week 2: Nov 12-18	28	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	38
Week 3: Nov 19-25	34	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 2: Nov 12-18	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4
Week 3: Nov 19-25	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	65	20	17	15	-5	-16	96
Week 2: Nov 12-18	98	21	20	15	2	0	.	.	.	.	156
Week 3: Nov 19-25	130	16	25	15	3	0	.	.	.	.	189
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	39	22	22	18	-2	-24	.	.	.	.	75
Week 2: Nov 12-18	63	29	32	0	1	-24	.	.	.	.	101
Week 3: Nov 19-25	85	45	31	0	2	-24	.	.	.	.	139
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	140	87	68	38	26	9	.	.	.	.	368
Week 2: Nov 12-18	174	121	68	20	31	9	.	.	.	.	423
Week 3: Nov 19-25	208	131	68	20	37	10	.	.	.	.	474
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Nov 12-18	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Nov 19-25	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	0
Week 2: Nov 12-18	0
Week 3: Nov 19-25	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	248	51	2	-10	-10	-137	144
Week 2: Nov 12-18	248	59	20	0	-6	-115	.	.	.	.	206
Week 3: Nov 19-25	248	64	66	50	-9	-116	.	.	.	.	303
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	41	28	3	3	-238	-356	.	.	.	.	-519
Week 2: Nov 12-18	100	-14	80	5	-238	-418	.	.	.	.	-485
Week 3: Nov 19-25	148	9	100	3	-238	-475	.	.	.	.	-453
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	2,206	247	222	8	-6	-53	.	.	.	.	2,624
Week 2: Nov 12-18	2,206	250	294	47	-3	86	.	.	.	.	2,880
Week 3: Nov 19-25	2,206	250	389	87	-4	145	.	.	.	.	3,073
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	216	91	34	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	343
Week 2: Nov 12-18	150	113	35	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	300
Week 3: Nov 19-25	150	133	36	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	321
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	22	0	-1	21
Week 2: Nov 12-18	27	0	3	30
Week 3: Nov 19-25	32	0	3	35

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	85	54	27	13	1	-9	171
Week 2: Nov 12-18	85	77	25	12	1	-8	.	.	.	.	192
Week 3: Nov 19-25	85	81	25	4	2	-7	.	.	.	.	190
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	46	18	12	9	-3	-40	.	.	.	.	42
Week 2: Nov 12-18	55	39	10	10	0	-40	.	.	.	.	74
Week 3: Nov 19-25	63	55	10	10	0	-40	.	.	.	.	98
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	70	37	11	4	-8	-134	.	.	.	.	-20
Week 2: Nov 12-18	34	46	10	16	-6	-134	.	.	.	.	-34
Week 3: Nov 19-25	58	57	10	31	-2	-134	.	.	.	.	20
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	68	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	80
Week 2: Nov 12-18	63	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	77
Week 3: Nov 19-25	60	16	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	76
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Nov 12-18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Nov 19-25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	1,389	867	847	828	743	148	.	.	.	.	4,822
Week 2: Nov 12-18	1,622	887	860	828	450	425	.	.	.	.	5,072
Week 3: Nov 19-25	1,851	1,085	845	828	450	470	.	.	.	.	5,529
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	1,940	1,258	1,208	949	741	507	.	.	.	.	6,603
Week 2: Nov 12-18	1,200	1,258	1,588	879	934	1,025	.	.	.	.	6,884
Week 3: Nov 19-25	1,500	1,258	2,139	900	1,124	1,366	.	.	.	.	8,287
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	6,486	3,736	3,058	1,919	506	449	.	.	.	.	16,154
Week 2: Nov 12-18	6,486	2,800	3,394	1,984	658	1,166	.	.	.	.	16,488
Week 3: Nov 19-25	6,486	2,500	4,772	1,920	829	1,630	.	.	.	.	18,137
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	335	250	213	177	75	70	.	.	.	.	1,120
Week 2: Nov 12-18	411	300	123	128	75	71	.	.	.	.	1,108
Week 3: Nov 19-25	493	300	290	134	75	74	.	.	.	.	1,366
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	144	14	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	168
Week 2: Nov 12-18	156	23	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	189
Week 3: Nov 19-25	169	36	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	215

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

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Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	97	60	45	41	-9	-92	142
Week 2: Nov 12-18	97	62	77	60	-3	-57	.	.	.	.	236
Week 3: Nov 19-25	97	81	113	60	-6	-47	.	.	.	.	298
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	250	202	32	24	17	9	.	.	.	.	534
Week 2: Nov 12-18	118	202	80	16	-19	49	.	.	.	.	446
Week 3: Nov 19-25	148	202	100	15	-66	101	.	.	.	.	500
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	1,466	316	99	54	50	11	.	.	.	.	1,996
Week 2: Nov 12-18	1,466	434	80	40	111	142	.	.	.	.	2,273
Week 3: Nov 19-25	1,466	727	100	32	180	277	.	.	.	.	2,782
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	6	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Nov 12-18	14	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Nov 19-25	15	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Nov 12-18	-1	-1
Week 3: Nov 19-25	-1	-1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

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June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	52	-4	-47	-58	-77	-207	-341
Week 2: Nov 12-18	1	5	-89	0	-77	-278	.	.	.	.	-438
Week 3: Nov 19-25	-69	3	-85	0	-77	-348	.	.	.	.	-576
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	160	87	61	38	29	-23	.	.	.	.	352
Week 2: Nov 12-18	160	40	44	29	22	-10	.	.	.	.	285
Week 3: Nov 19-25	160	40	36	27	17	-7	.	.	.	.	273
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	894	53	34	19	-13	-221	.	.	.	.	766
Week 2: Nov 12-18	894	-3	20	30	-1	-231	.	.	.	.	709
Week 3: Nov 19-25	894	-60	30	33	-17	-295	.	.	.	.	585
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 2: Nov 12-18	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-24
Week 3: Nov 19-25	0	-27	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-27
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	0
Week 2: Nov 12-18	0
Week 3: Nov 19-25	0

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	159	143	9	7	5	0	323
Week 2: Nov 12-18	-91	146	9	10	4	0	.	.	.	.	78
Week 3: Nov 19-25	-169	126	9	10	3	0	.	.	.	.	-21
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	102	76	16	9	5	2	.	.	.	.	210
Week 2: Nov 12-18	102	-28	-19	10	3	2	.	.	.	.	70
Week 3: Nov 19-25	99	-98	-45	10	4	2	.	.	.	.	-28
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	62	48	48	2	2	-99	.	.	.	.	63
Week 2: Nov 12-18	54	48	19	0	1	-253	.	.	.	.	-131
Week 3: Nov 19-25	44	48	-9	10	0	-406	.	.	.	.	-313
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	50	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	62
Week 2: Nov 12-18	45	6	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	51
Week 3: Nov 19-25	42	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	42
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	4	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-1
Week 2: Nov 12-18	4	-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-5
Week 3: Nov 19-25	4	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-10

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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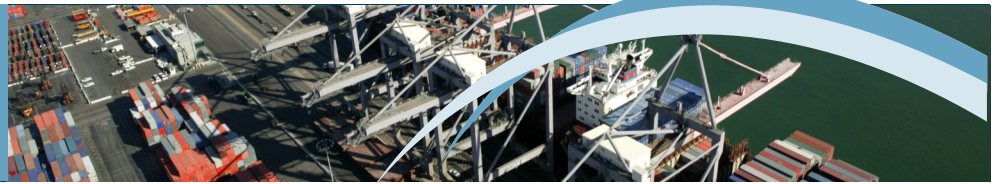


New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	1,300	1,050	829	763	315	284	4,541
Week 2: Nov 12-18	800	1,214	1,227	763	449	286	.	.	.	.	4,739
Week 3: Nov 19-25	800	1,396	1,628	763	606	270	.	.	.	.	5,463
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	1,214	1,060	667	459	332	95	.	.	.	.	3,827
Week 2: Nov 12-18	1,214	500	908	627	283	120	.	.	.	.	3,652
Week 3: Nov 19-25	1,214	500	1,182	889	541	150	.	.	.	.	4,476
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	4,266	1,931	1,093	986	982	448	.	.	.	.	9,706
Week 2: Nov 12-18	4,266	2,252	1,323	600	1,490	514	.	.	.	.	10,445
Week 3: Nov 19-25	4,266	2,737	1,439	500	1,964	500	.	.	.	.	11,406
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	456	322	217	193	60	10	.	.	.	.	1,258
Week 2: Nov 12-18	562	420	50	247	84	10	.	.	.	.	1,373
Week 3: Nov 19-25	694	520	50	274	100	10	.	.	.	.	1,648
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	27	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 2: Nov 12-18	32	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	41
Week 3: Nov 19-25	37	5	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	49

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	396	259	98	83	1	-12	825
Week 2: Nov 12-18	393	200	98	159	1	8	.	.	.	.	859
Week 3: Nov 19-25	396	200	98	232	2	-9	.	.	.	.	919
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	268	130	95	80	10	-27	.	.	.	.	556
Week 2: Nov 12-18	267	170	86	80	0	-14	.	.	.	.	589
Week 3: Nov 19-25	339	213	141	80	0	-20	.	.	.	.	753
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	566	561	444	272	262	9	.	.	.	.	2,114
Week 2: Nov 12-18	357	400	444	352	295	43	.	.	.	.	1,891
Week 3: Nov 19-25	612	300	444	431	337	30	.	.	.	.	2,154
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	138	123	65	10	-6	-19	.	.	.	.	311
Week 2: Nov 12-18	116	30	49	10	10	2	.	.	.	.	217
Week 3: Nov 19-25	102	30	66	10	-104	-10	.	.	.	.	94
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	10	4	1	15
Week 2: Nov 12-18	11	5	1	17
Week 3: Nov 19-25	12	6	1	19

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	137	110	84	13	1	-1	344
Week 2: Nov 12-18	110	110	100	30	-86	-38	.	.	.	.	226
Week 3: Nov 19-25	100	110	50	24	-119	-73	.	.	.	.	92
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	401	76	45	-24	-30	-98	.	.	.	.	370
Week 2: Nov 12-18	300	169	-188	-43	-30	-50	.	.	.	.	158
Week 3: Nov 19-25	300	117	-508	20	-30	-55	.	.	.	.	-156
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	442	304	279	162	-101	-286	.	.	.	.	800
Week 2: Nov 12-18	442	111	200	250	-12	-200	.	.	.	.	791
Week 3: Nov 19-25	442	-23	200	258	-180	-188	.	.	.	.	509
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	313	176	58	30	10	-26	.	.	.	.	561
Week 2: Nov 12-18	276	253	52	30	80	-45	.	.	.	.	646
Week 3: Nov 19-25	253	288	91	30	100	-53	.	.	.	.	709
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	94	10	0	104
Week 2: Nov 12-18	104	10	2	116
Week 3: Nov 19-25	114	10	3	127

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	607	169	114	78	42	-38	972
Week 2: Nov 12-18	400	190	212	78	26	21	.	.	.	.	927
Week 3: Nov 19-25	400	247	265	78	25	119	.	.	.	.	1,134
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	372	346	329	90	23	-25	.	.	.	.	1,135
Week 2: Nov 12-18	372	491	150	-41	65	-11	.	.	.	.	1,026
Week 3: Nov 19-25	372	606	150	-3	98	-14	.	.	.	.	1,209
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	1,322	666	182	136	26	-45	.	.	.	.	2,287
Week 2: Nov 12-18	1,322	640	259	100	0	-33	.	.	.	.	2,288
Week 3: Nov 19-25	1,322	917	378	110	100	-36	.	.	.	.	2,791
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	228	116	104	48	10	-15	.	.	.	.	491
Week 2: Nov 12-18	100	118	81	79	10	10	.	.	.	.	398
Week 3: Nov 19-25	100	115	92	114	10	-18	.	.	.	.	413
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	9	3	1	13
Week 2: Nov 12-18	10	4	1	15
Week 3: Nov 19-25	11	3	1	15

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

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Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	48	27	-90	-175	-190
Week 2: Nov 12-18	39	-17	50	-175	.	.	.	.	.	.	-103
Week 3: Nov 19-25	28	-46	100	-175	.	.	.	.	.	.	-93
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	414	251	204	54	.	.	.	.	.	.	923
Week 2: Nov 12-18	414	300	206	48	.	.	.	.	.	.	968
Week 3: Nov 19-25	414	300	195	50	.	.	.	.	.	.	959
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	493	86	-257	-970	.	.	.	.	.	.	-648
Week 2: Nov 12-18	509	63	200	-970	.	.	.	.	.	.	-198
Week 3: Nov 19-25	528	40	400	-970	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	153	32	20	-61	.	.	.	.	.	.	144
Week 2: Nov 12-18	324	12	20	100	.	.	.	.	.	.	456
Week 3: Nov 19-25	204	-11	20	100	.	.	.	.	.	.	313
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	13	1	14
Week 2: Nov 12-18	13	1	14
Week 3: Nov 19-25	13	1	14

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

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Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	87	60	26	10	-132	51
Week 2: Nov 12-18	78	80	7	10	-172	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Nov 19-25	75	80	19	10	-207	.	.	.	.	.	-23
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	180	100	60	1	-114	.	.	.	.	.	227
Week 2: Nov 12-18	80	63	30	1	-155	.	.	.	.	.	19
Week 3: Nov 19-25	80	99	25	1	-220	.	.	.	.	.	-15
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	646	30	20	-39	-88	.	.	.	.	.	569
Week 2: Nov 12-18	589	25	20	-130	-121	.	.	.	.	.	383
Week 3: Nov 19-25	442	25	20	-423	-110	.	.	.	.	.	-46
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	235	146	5	3	-484	.	.	.	.	.	-95
Week 2: Nov 12-18	238	72	5	50	-466	.	.	.	.	.	-101
Week 3: Nov 19-25	221	-115	5	50	-491	.	.	.	.	.	-330
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Nov 5-11	40	1	41
Week 2: Nov 12-18	52	1	53
Week 3: Nov 19-25	65	1	66

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

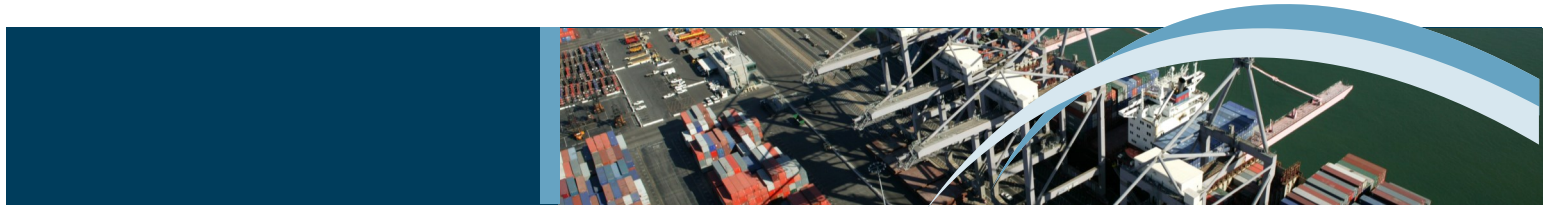
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Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
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 - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
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